GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Policy for NE States
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has added special features for North Eastern States in National Skill Development Policy;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of infrastructure and job oriented sectors in North Eastern Region, special skill development policy is required for North Eastern youths;
(d) if so, the details thereof;
(e) whether the Government will consider such proposal to add special consideration for North Eastern States in National Skill Development Policy; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (f) The National Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Policy, 2015 links skill development to improve employability and productivity for inclusive growth in the country. The Policy emphasise upon special attention to border, hilly and difficult areas including North Eastern States to address their needs for skill development and employability. The policy provides for special efforts including earmarking of funds for establishing training facilities in difficult regions and need base subsidisation of skill training for disadvantage groups.

These policy interventions are being implemented by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in States/UT's including North Eastern Region. 10% outlay of PMKVY is apportioned for skill development in North Eastern Region. The persons enrolled and trained under PMKVY in North Eastern State during 2015-16 (as on 19th February, 2016) are given below:-

State Total Enrolled Total Trainings Completed
Arunachal Pradesh 691 646
Assam 22440 17602
Manipur 1046 787
Meghalaya 1523 1378
Mizoram 487 307
Nagaland 1009 649
Sikkim 643 571
Tripura 11303 8374
Grand Total 39142 30314

In addition, the Government has notified Common Norms applicable to all central development schemes/programmes w.e.f 1.4.2016. These Common Norms allow additional financial support equal to 10% of base cost for training in special areas including North Eastern States.